

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 807

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Toby Pearson upon his induction into the Morristown-Hamblen High School East Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who are being honored for distinguishing themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary individual is Toby Pearson, who was inducted into the Morristown-Hamblen High School East Hall of Fame as a student athlete on January 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pearson was a star receiver for the Hurricanes during the 1980, 1981, and 1982 seasons, with ten catches for 177 yards and one touchdown in his first year; and

WHEREAS, the following year, he led the conference in receptions (42) and receiving yards (648) while also catching three touchdowns and was named to the All-State football team; and

WHEREAS, the 1982 season was a record-breaking one for Toby Pearson, as he broke the Intermountain Conference and East records with sixty-four catches and nine touchdowns and smashed the East record with 1,078 receiving yards, a record that still stands today; he started on defense and had six interceptions, four fumble recoveries, and seventy-seven tackles; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pearson was named to the 1982 All-State and All-South football teams, East Tennessee Player of the Year, and Intermountain Conference Player of the Year; he was also the first player in the State to record over 1,000 receiving yards; and

WHEREAS, epitomizing the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, Toby Pearson takes his place among the many noble citizens who have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people such as Mr. Pearson, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Toby Pearson upon his induction into the Morristown-Hamblen High School East Hall of Fame and extend our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.